

Auditor: DelDOT Worked from "Wish List"

State Auditor Tom Wagner releases an audit on the Delaware Department of Transportation, which faces a \$2.7 billion Transportation Trust Fund shortfall.

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Wagner says, DelDOT has a "very serious problem down the road." He says, between fiscal years 2001 and 2006, the state Bond Bill Committee authorized transportation-related projects that were not funded. "The department of transportation was using a lot of resources to engineer and prepare these authorized projects, but there was no funding attached to them, and they were sort of operating off of a wish list and not concentrating on what they should have-- this is what we can afford to build." He says the department shifted the responsibilities of the Transportation Trust Fund, which should be used for building transportation infrastructure, to buy open land. The Bond Bill Committee may postpone or eliminate some of DelDOT's projects planned for the next six years.